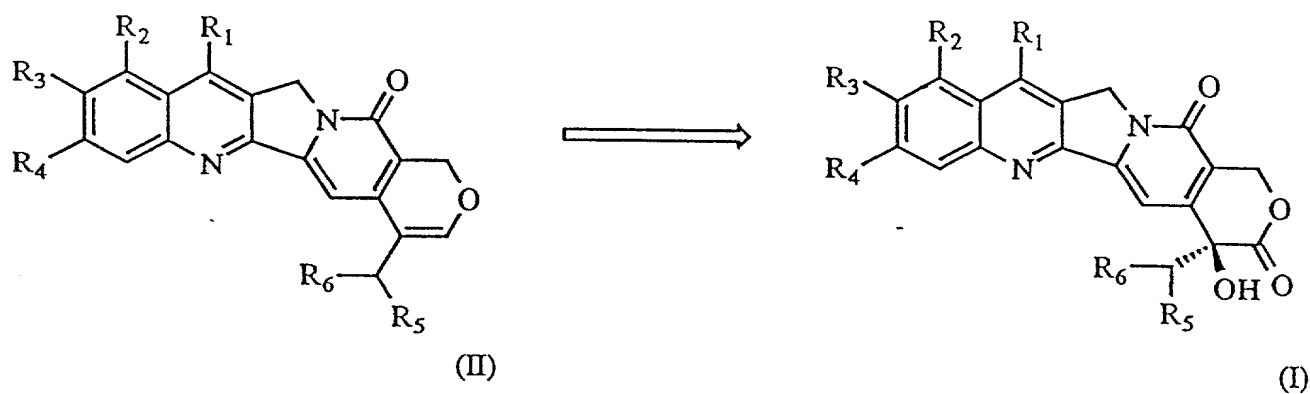


ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a process for preparing camptothecin and camptothecin analogs of Formula (I) from compounds of Formula (II) and to novel intermediates useful in their preparation,



wherein R_1 to R_6 represent various substituents.